REMARKS

Claims 18-43 have been added. Claims 18-30 correspond exactly to claims 1-13 of U. S. Patent 6,348,575 B1 (the '575 patent) which issued on February 19, 2002. Claims 31-33 correspond in some respects to claims 7-9 of the '575 patent with a change of dependency. Claims 34-43 correspond in some respects to claims 1-13 of the '575 patent, but reference specific sequences described in the present application. These claims are presented in order to preserve applicants right to request an interference with the '575 patent, if desired.

Support for added claims 34-43 can be found in the specification at the following exemplary locations:

Claim	Support
34.	Page 11, lines 23-26 and SEQ ID NO:1.
35.	Page 11, lines 23-26, SEQ ID NO:1 and originally filed claim 1 of PCT application PCT/SE99/01784.
36.	Page 11, lines 23-26 and SEQ ID NO:1
37.	Page 12, lines 23-29.
38.	Page 13, lines 1-5 and Fig. 1.
39.	Page 11, lines 25-30.
40.	Page 8, lines 10-21 and page 12, lines 25-30.
41.	Page 11, lines 23-26, SEQ ID NO:1, originally filed claim 1 of PCT application PCT/SE99/01784, page 8, lines 10-21 and page 12, lines 25-30.
42.	Page 6, lines 28-31 and page 10, lines 1-7.

Since the claims added in this amendment are directed to a non-elected invention (polypeptides), the Examiner is requested to examine the elected claims. If the Examiner

reconsiders and withdraws the election as it relates to polypeptides, the Examiner is requested to also examine the added claims.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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